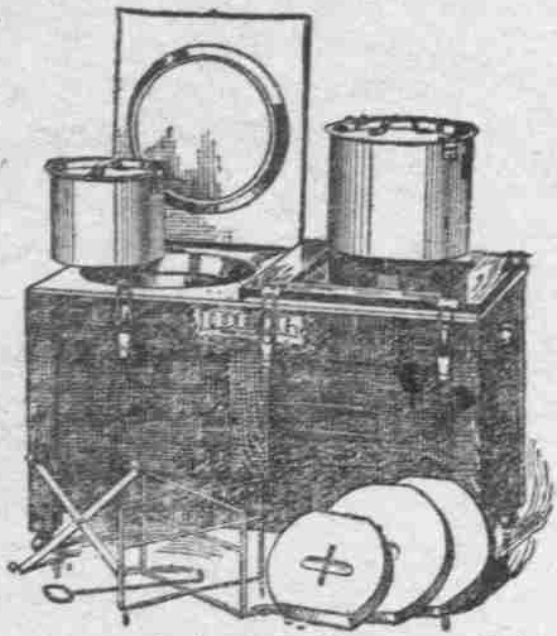


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HIS RISE TO POWER

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With a Great Price.
JOHN was standing at the window of his courthouse office. The sense of loneliness was upon him again. It may be that the sight of Katherine Hampden sauntering down Main street in company with a bedannelled summer gentleman had something to do with his mood.



"You've gone out of your way to attack me. You're a fool." A minute later came a knock at his door. "Come," he said. The senator entered. "Afternoon, John."

"What can I do for you?" "Humph! Don't seem very glad to see me. You might ask me to sit down."

John pointed to a chair. "Why hesitate? It's your courthouse, isn't it?" "Understood you'd taken a mortgage on it yourself lately," Murchell sat down, looking genially at John.

"So you think I'm a bad man and a disgrace to the state?" the senator inquired at last.

"Well, just about that," John said quickly. "Told Miss Roberta I'm a bad man, didn't you?"

"I could have said that you are a shameful force in politics; that you have exploited a great party and the ignorance of the people; that you have built up a machine for the sole purpose of looting the state; that you have got and held power by compelling public servants to use the influence of their office to perpetuate your machine and by buying the votes of the corruptible. There's probably a lot more, if I only knew it. I've never heard that you used your power for any good thing. Without profession or business you are a rich man. How?"

"Humph!" grunted Murchell, who had listened without display of feeling. "Doesn't mean much. You'd have hard work proving any of it."

They relapsed into silence. John looked out of the window, awaiting in cold silence the senator's next words. Murchell presented his usual impassive front. It was not the first time he had encountered the intolerance of youth. But never before, save during the Sherman trial, had the intolerance pierced the crust of the man.

He broke the silence. "What do you want to do?"

"A good many things you wouldn't understand—principally, I suppose, to smash up and your organization. That probably sounds funny to you."

Murchell did not laugh. He merely felt pity for an impractical young dreamer.

"You can't smash the organization." "It must be smashed, because it exists to deprive the people of the right of self government."

"A pretty phrase. It's common sense politics. The people don't want to govern themselves—they can't. They need some one to take the burden from them. How are you going to smash us?"

"It may be simpler than you think, Senator Murchell. When the people understand what you are they'll smash you."

The other smiled pityingly. "You think because you've sent a few poor devils to jail you're a man of destiny, don't you? You think I'm merely a wicked old fellow who's got power and is using it for his own selfish ends. If I were just that you could smash me. But I'm more than that. I am an institution—a part of a necessary institution, one that society, that property, that business, can't get along without. You can smash William Murchell—that is, put some one in his place. But you can't smash the institution. And you can't judge a system by its incidental errors."

John smiled, not very happily. "I've heard that before. The weakness of your argument is that the errors seem to be essential. Government isn't, or shouldn't be, merely a matter of force, nor exist only as the servant of property, even if all you say is true. And I've got to go on."

"And where'll you come out?" "I'll try to break me. You may succeed. But you will observe that I have little to lose. If I had much—you won't understand this—I hope I'd lose it gladly."

"Did I say I was going to break you?" Murchell demanded testily. "I came here today to suggest that you come out for Wash Jenkins' seat in congress."

John's reply was almost bitter. "So I have impressed you as a hypocrite trying to get kicked out of the way. I repeat, I'm not for sale."

Murchell suddenly rose and put a heavy hand on John's shoulder. "You said you have little to lose. You have much—a future. You've gone out of your way to attack me. You're a fool. But I—I like you, man. And I'd like to save that future for you."

For a moment John stared at him, incredulous. He went to the window, staring out wonderingly. He saw a strange thing—Jeremy Applegate stumping across the square and pausing under the flag, looking up. The veteran's hand rose, as though in salute; then, arrested midway, it fell limply, and Jeremy marched on.

John pointed. "There, senator, is one who entered the service of your institution. Now he is a broken soul left to be ashamed. If I became part of your machine, in the end I'd become like that—different in size perhaps, but the same in kind. I," he said, quietly, "prefer your enemy; it's safer. You represent an institution. I stand for a principle, a fundamental principle. You can smash John Punneade—oh, very easily, no doubt. But Senator Murchell, you can't smash the principle!"

The senator did not often permit himself the luxury of losing his temper, but he was exceedingly close to it just then. The friendship he had offered to a young man whom he liked strangely well had been contemptuously rejected, and the hurt was all the deeper because he had broken the rule of a lifetime to make the offer. He carefully waited until the emotion had subsided before speaking.

"It's a good deal simpler to state a principle than to follow it in practice. And you can't judge politics by one year's experience. However—"

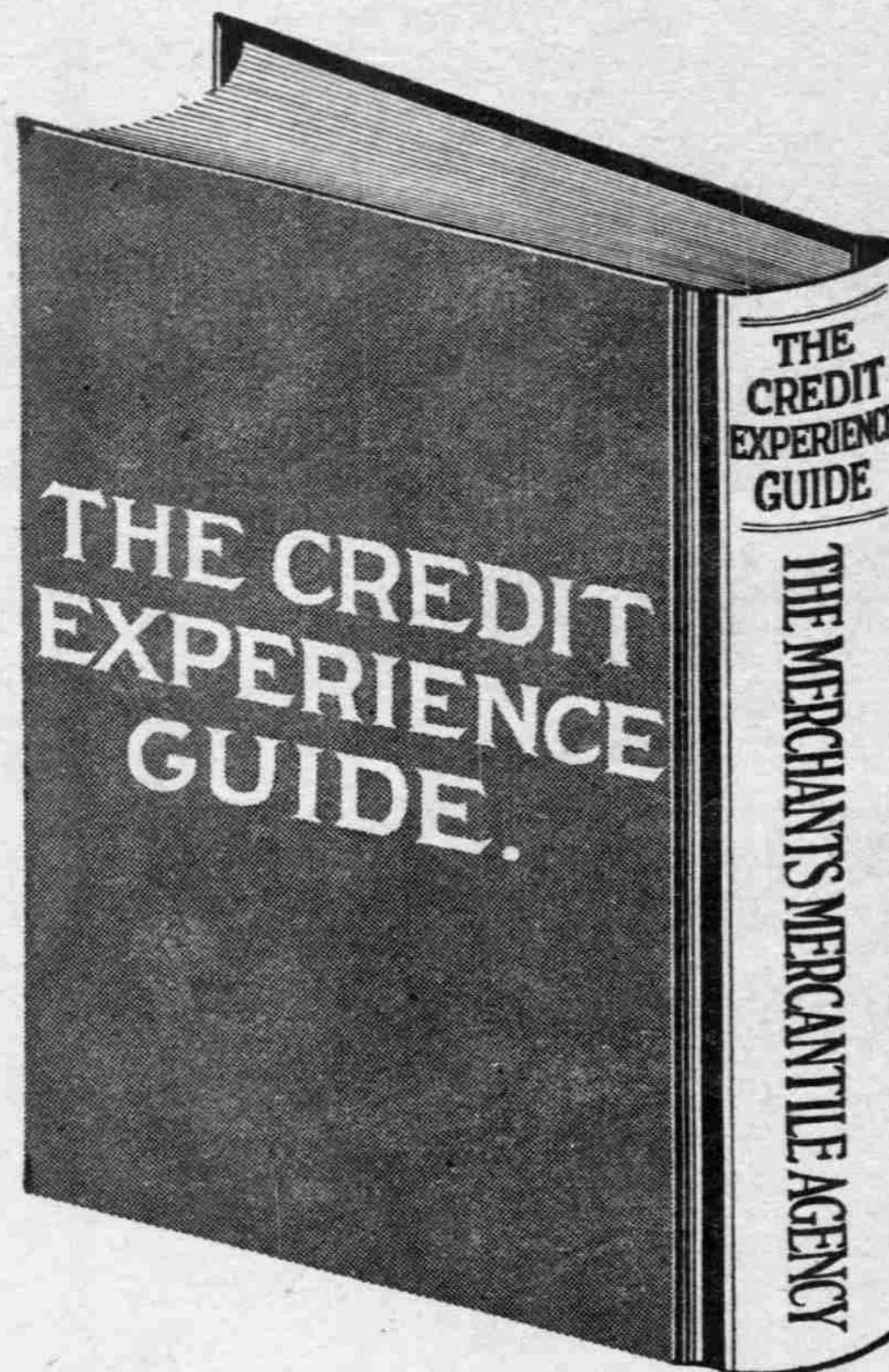
He stopped long enough to put on his hat.

"You went out of your way to denounce me. You took a time when I'm needing friends to do it, too. In spite of that I made you an offer in good faith. If there's anything in you I'd have given you the chance to prove it."

"I," he concluded, and he spoke as of some divine edict, fixed and immutable. "I rarely offer friendship to those who fight me—never twice."

He went out.

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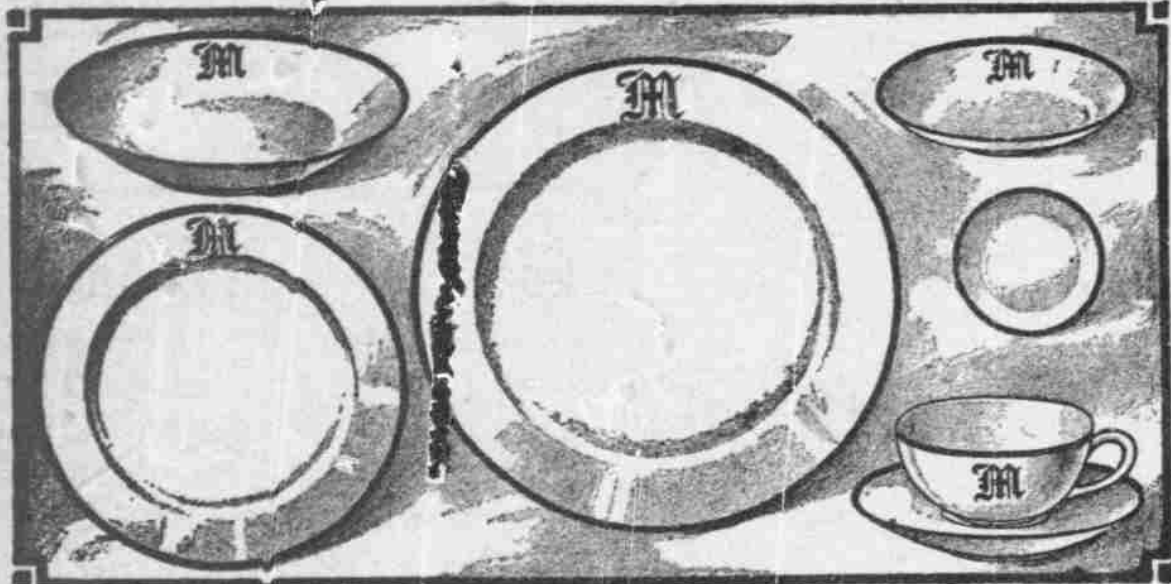
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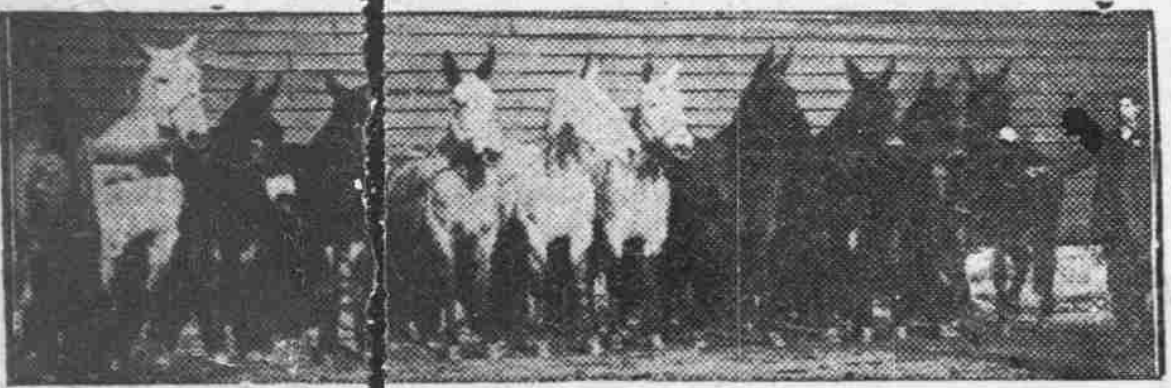


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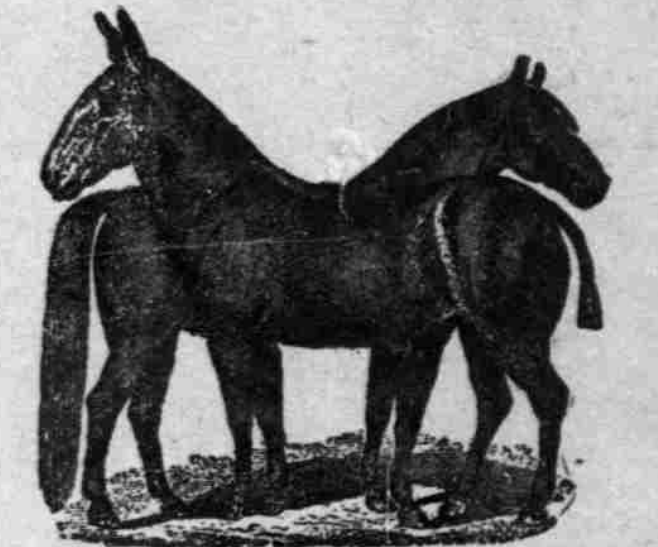
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